GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken steps to minimise wasteful expenditures and have already identified certain sectors in which wasteful expenditure is maximum in its various Departments;

(b) if so, the details of such sectors and the quantum of wasteful expenditure identified therein during each of the last three years; and

(c) the corrective steps taken so far to curtail/stop such wasteful expenditure ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. This Ministry has taken the following steps to minimize and control expenditure that can be curtailed:-

(i) All instructions regarding austerity/economy measures issued by the Ministry of Finance/Cabinet Secretariat are being enforced.

(ii) All continuing schemes are being examined in the Ministry from the zero-based budget point of view before continuation into the Tenth Plan.

(iii) Use of funds as released to States for implementation of various water resources projects is being regularly monitored and subsequent releases are being made on the basis of monitoring reports.